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From the Richmond Enquirer. VE, MUSIC, AND MOONLIGHT.

was on a balmy eve of June, ove a pillownig cloud, whose snow emed bathed in that edestial glowsounds of earth and air were mide, hen first I heard thy silvery lute, ight was the eve, and blest the bour hen first I saw thee, beauty's flower-

ie calm, the scene; the fairy tone o my thoughts like light have gone; stranged by earth; the stars around ne heaven seemed twinking to the sound: floated far the notes along, e blackbard hushed as evening song; we murmuring stream and rippling sea

what an eestacy, that night, and fate bestowed to sound and sighthe sigh twas what me meet, perchance, oly in page of old romance.; he sound was like the lovelorn breeze. hat steam at night to woo the trees; nd, manging, both made poor earth seem of man's abode, but lancy's dream

here beautiy's circling zone subdued he spirit to love's meiting mood; he radiant and the rare combined I sin and grief the sense to blind; o gloomy doubts or dreams oppressed he bright elysium of the breast; nd off fled sorrow, like the grey f twilight from the glance of day!

loated the elfin music fine hrough network of the eglantine, While moonbeams pierced the leaves between To see thee-and to make thee seen; Vith alabaster brow of light, is 'twere an angel come to see What thing a world like ours can be!

From the Baltimore Visitor. OORE'S OPINION OF WASHINGTON We give his opinion of Washington, in which he ms forced to express himself, even against his n will, in terms of admiration-though they are y cold and qualified terms. low shall we rank thee upon glory's page, ou more than soldier and just less than sage? exformed for peace to act a conqueror's part, trained in camps to learn a statesman's art ture designed thee for a hero,s mould, t. ere she cast thee. let the stuff grow cold! hile warmer souls command hav make their fate.

It fate made thee, and forced thee to be great.

t, Fortune, who so oft, so blindly sheds to brightest haloground the weakest heads, ound thee undazzled, tranquil as before. oud to the useful, scorning to be more; ss prompt at glory's than at duty's claim, snown the meed, but self-applause the aim thou bath been reflects less frme on thee re less than all thou bath forborne to be!

CONGRESSIONAL

In Senate, on the 7th ult., several communicaons were received from public officers, and orred to be printed.

EATH OF THE HON. DAVID DICKSON, OF MIS

In the House of Representatives, on the same iv, as soon as the reading of the journal was oncluded, Mr. Claiborne of Mississippi rose, and mounced to the House the decease of his late olleague, the Hon. DAVID DICKSON.

Mr. CLAIBORNE addressed the House as fol-Mr. Speaker. It is only a few years since I

itnessed from that gallery the effecting honors aid to the remains of a distringuished Representive from the State of Mississtppi.* Since that eriod she has lost two sons,† eminent for talents the public service, and you are now called on to ender the last homage to the memory of anoth-. The time that has intervened since the death f my lamented colleague, saves me the painful aty of being the first to communicate it to his nends now present. He died, sir, as he lived, brough a life of extraordinary vicissitudes, with ut one wish ungratified-a wish so natural to the uman heart-that in his dark hour of dissoluion, he might be supported by his nearest and est beloved, and the cherished beings that grew

ip and clustered around his fireside. Sir, let death come when it will, in what shape t may, in the battle or the shipwreck, or in the solitude of the cloister, it is appalling to human contemplation. But, sir, when it overtakes us in distant land, and we know that our last moments of agony and infirmity are to be witnessed by stranger eyes, and are conscious that we must be carried down to an unwept grave, where no kindredidust shall mingle with ours forever, and the last hope of home and of family fades from our filmed view, O! sir, this is death! this it is to die! Such was the destiny of my colleague: "by stran-

vers honored and by strangers mourned"-his ing message was for those broken-hearted ones n widowhood and orphanage-his expiring prayer for them.

Speaker: I shall pronounce no eulogy on dead. Let history speak it. For twenty years he preserved a high position in the public

service, and died poorer than when he entered it. *Hon. Christopher Rankin. Thomas B. Reed and Robt! H. Adams, of the

leaving to his children the riches of an honorable [

to die unreproached, then it is due to him. nors to his memory—sad, because it seems like the whole country, and will justify the liveliest matters which profane hands may not touch, and Fletcher, Roberts and Jones, and Lieutenants It now only remains for us to pay the final h breaking the last link that binds the living to the dead; solemn, when we reflect how soon, how very soon, some friend now present may invoke can people proved their watchful attention to, the same tribute for ourselves.

I offer you, sir, the following resolution:

Resolved, That in testimony of their respect for the memory of DAVID DICKSON, late a Representative from the State of Mississippi, the members of this House will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

The resolution was adopted unanimously. Mr. Haynes, of Georgia, announced in a feeling manner the death of his colleague, the Hon. JOHN COFFEE, and introduced the usual resolu-

In Senate, on the Sth, Mr. Walker, on leave, introduced a bill to advance to the States of Mississippi and Alabama two millions of dollars, chargeable upon the 2 per cent fund, for the purpose of constructing a railway from Brandon, in Musissippi, to Canawba, in Alabama; which was read a first time, and ordered to a second reading. Several resolutions, bills, &c. were introduced. The Senate then adjourned over to Monday.

In the liouse, several communications were presented by the Speaker, one of which was from the Secretary of the Treasury, showing the amount of money received from the sales of Chickasaw hards; laid on the table and ordered to be

Mr. Davis, of Indiana, then announced the death of the Hon G. L. KINNARD, one of his colleagues; and the House adjourned over to Monday.

In Senate, on Monday the 12th, Mr. Ewing, in pursuance of previous notice, introduced his bill to rescind the Treasury order requiring specie payments for the public lands. This bill consists of two sections—the first rescinding the Treasury order of July 11, 1836, which orders ail payments to be made in a certain currency, and the second renders it unlawful for any secre tary to issue such an instruction hereafter. The joint resolution was read, and ordered to a second reading, when Mr. Benton declared that this bill would produce opposition on its second reading. He would oppose it, and should also feel laimself bound to make to the Senste an expose which be had prepared.

The Senate, on motion of Mr. King, proceeded to the election of a Secretary, in the place of Walter Lowrie, resigned, which resulted in the election of Mr. Asbury Dickens.

Mr. Benton offered the following resolutions: 1st. That the committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the present copper coms, and substituting a coinage of mixed metal, consisting of silver and coppe., known in French by the name of boilten. 2d. That the said committee enquire into the expediency of directing a gold coin of the value

of one dollar to be corned. In the House, on Monday Dec. 12th Mr. cer offered a resolution, instructing the committee of Ways a d Means to report a bill amending the 15th section of the Distribution Act of the last session, so as to release the States from any obligation to return the amount which they might re-

reive under the same. Mr. Mercer asked the yeas and nays, which were taken-yeas 127, noes 79; so the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Fry submitted a resolution, instructing the committee on Ways and Means to inquire into the expediency of immediately abolishing the duties on imported grain.

Mr. Reid moved to amend the resolution by reference of the subject to the committee on agriculture. A most important interest of the country was proposed to be directly affected, and be thought it proper that the subject should be examined, not us a mere revenue question, but in reference to the prosperity of the agricultural interest. It was well known that the duty was not for revenue, but other considerations were more entitled to weight. This was undoubtedly a year of famine, but such a year would not in the ordi-

nary course of things soon recur.

The amendment was agreed to. Mr. Adams moved further to amend the reso lutions so as to embrace salt, coal and iron. Mr. Williams of N. C. moved to add sugar.

Mr. M'Comas offered a joint resolution, pro posing an amendment of the Constitution, altering the mode of electing the President and Vice President of the United States-postponed to Monday two weeks.

Mr. French offered a resolution proposing an inquiry into the expediency of establishing an armory on the Western waters-agreed to.

At 3 o'clock the House adjourned. In the Senate, on Tuesday Dec. 13th, the resolution offered vesterday by Mr. Benton on the subject of a new mixed copper and silver coinage, and a gold currency, was taken up and a-

The Senate proceeded to the unfinished business, being the election of standing committees, when the following were elected.

Foreign Relations-Messrs. Buchanan, Tallmadge, King of Georgia, Clay and Rives, Finance-Messrs. Wright, Webster, Cuthbert,

Nicholas and Benton. Commerce-Messrs, King of Alabama, Davis, Linn, Brown and Ruggles.

Manufactures-Messrs. Niles, Morris, Black, Hubbard and Preston. Agriculture-Messrs. Page, Morris, Kent, M'Kean and Clay.

Military Affairs-Messrs. Benton, Preston, Tipton, Wall, and Ewing of Illiaois. Militia-Messrs, Wall, Hendricks, Swift, Ewing of Illinois, and Walker.

Naval Affairs-Messrs Rives, Southard, Tallmadge, Cuthbert and Nicholas. Public Lands-Messrs Walker, Ewing of Oio, King of Alabama, Ruggles and Fulton.

Private Land Claims-Messrs Linn, Porter, Buyard, Preston and Sevier. Indian Affairs-Messrs. White, Swift, Tipton.

Claims-Messrs Hubbard, Tipton, Prentiss,

Crittenden, and Ewing of Illinois. Revolutionary Claims-Messrs Brown, White,

Hubbard, Crittenden and Niles. Judiciary-Messis Grundy, Crittenden, Morris, King of Georgia, and Wall.

In the Senate, on Thursday Dec. 15th, Mr. Richard E. Parker, Senator from Virginia, and Mr. Robert Strange, Senator from North Carolina. appeared, and their credentials being read, were sworn and took their scats.

From the American Senunel. name. If it be praise to have lived beloved, and The success of the democratic candidate for auspicious to the honor, happiness and interest of and in a most emphatic manner, have the Ameri- ing of our antagonists. and their vigorous control over their own affairs. Europe will perceive in the result of this great canvass and of these numerous elections, a deeisive proof that our political principles remain unchanged by the fierce struggies we have recently had to encounter, that money power may be victoriously subdued by the love of liberty; and that there is something renovating an vivitying at the foundation and in the current of our institutions, which preserves us aimid evils and dangers, whence her theorists have been accustomed to anticipate our distraction and downfall. The elevation of Mr. Martin Van Buren to the Chief Magistracy has been resisted by every force and every influence antagonist to democracy. Combinations of ambitious leaders-irregular eruptions of corporate powers-steadily sustained schemes of deception and management-reckless pressure upon self-interest, and perpetual streams of slander and misrepresentations have all stemtruth, integrity, and genuine republicanism. The disciples of Jefferson have clung unflinchingly to the pure and noble faith of freedom; they constitute the vast majority of this country; and the world again sees another and a tresh start taken by the democracy of America in the rivalry of

From the administration of Mr. Van Buren, we have the best reasons for expecting a prosperous and honorable condition of our public affairs, Cherishing the maxims of government which have illustrated the service of the most distinguished of his predecessors in office, he will cultivate economy, repress ostentation, aim to reduce all excess of revenue, preserve with deference the constitutional sovercignty of the respective states, aphold firmly and frankly the Union, give to the popular will its rightful efficacy, and keep in harmony the complicated and co-ordinate departments of political agency. These are the great objects of a patriotic President, and such a President we have no doubt Mr. Van Buren

We look, and without dreading, for an eager and relentless opposition. The federalists of the East, South, and West, united upon one sentiment only, that of enmity to Mr. Van Buren. Divided as to their candidate-at was even as to their principles-they met on this point as on a common level. Here, and here alone, they mingled voices in concord. This heterogeneous fraternity will no doubt continue; and, suspending for a time the sectional or personal topics of difference, their strength and ardor will be concentrated to batter down the new executive. We shall cease to hear Mr. Webster, General Harrison, and Judge White; but the outery against louder and fiercer than ever. It was the lot of Jefferson to experience a similar onset; Jackson's entire term has been thus marked; these examples and remembrances almost make us welcome the rage of opposition we have foretold-for the issue cannot fail to be the same. Mr. Van Buren, chosen by the people, will by the people be sustained. Let him, as heretotore, lean on them, place his reliance on their intelligence, heir virtue, and their patriotism, and he will survive the thunders of senatorial eloquence, and elude the machinations of his affiliated foes. This is not verbiage; experience has made it truth.

Mr. Van Buren goes into the Presidency with more eastern democracy to back him than any of his predecessors enjoyed, and upon the broad and confirmed democracies of New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and North Carolina. His politics are essentially of the Southern school, as regulated by the oracle of Monticello: hence, though a temporary and partial delusion may exist favorable to Judge White; he must hourly acquire strength in that region, and before long be cordially accepted as its friend and faithful representstive. We hazard little in predicting that the developement of his policy will, in less than a twelvemonth after his inauguration, disarm his present adversaries in the South, and win alike their affection and applause. He has but to maintain his position with the great central republican states, and to make himself distinctly understood and justly appreciated elsewhere, in order to rally in support of government an efficient popularity equal to if not greater than that exhibited by any prior chief magnetrate. We do not refer to personal popularity; that is an accident, of much value, it is true, to the executive incumbent, and capable of most beneficial use for the country: nor is Mr. Van Buren, where known, without a large share of it; but we refer to the popularity which has its birth in sound and salutary principles, in the adoption of wise and approved measures, in the frank inculcation of a conciliatory spirit, in the vigorous discountenancing of interneddling and dangerous doctrines, and in the steadfast pursuit of constitutional as well as speculative right. The patriots and politicians of the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Louisiana, will find Mr. Van Buren, if indeed they have allowed the fact of his northern revidence to suggest a doubt upon the subject, as fixed and sincere an adherent to the main body of their favorite tenets as any one of their own number. ".I northern statesman with southern politics" was pronounced by a sagacious observer and fellow townsman of our own, to be the demand of the times. The ballot boxes have met the demand exactly.

And what is now to become of the great "available!" Will be be preserved in sweets, and kept for a second course? We honestly and seriously counsel our opponents to let him be forgotten. He has served their turn once, and served it badly. He is not of the order that reires acquirit eundo;" his only chance was in the effect of a sudden impression, the hoge title of "General," and the desperate emergency of a party without a head. As a private citizen he is undoubtedly respectable; it is notoriety and pretension only that expose his emptiness and insufficiency, and we wish him hereafter left undisturbed in the sensible routine and comfortable emolument of his county clerkship. The universal whig party have ample time to varnish up a better effigy. Perhaps the bright idea of "divide et imvera" may now become the basis of ward a favorite, because rank representative of was emulous to surpass the others in feats of charging a gun, although they received a heavy the federalism of '98, we shall be furnished with bravery, it is a difficult matter to discriminate bevolley from the enemy as they advanced on the

half-and-half description are carefully kept from mention the names of those who were engaged tinued heavy along the whole line, when the enehe office of President of the U. States is an event | blazing, by water on both shoulders, and whose apostacy is secretly in embryo. But these are manifestations of patriotic rejoicing. Once more, which we therefore must leave to the holy keep-

> From the Globe, HEAD QUARTERS, Volusia, East Florida,

November 27, 1836. Sir: The army under my command arrived at this place on yesterday, and I have the honor to report the result of its operations against the enenry, since the 10th inst. the day on which I informed you I should march in pursuit.

On the morning of the 13th, we arrived at the Withlacooche, and proceeded immediately to cross the river and pass into the Cove, the former strong hold of the enemy. This was effected with great difficulty, although no enemy appeared to oppose our passage, and the water had fallen more than four feet since our former visit. Four men were drowned in crossing. We found the river 220 yards wide, in some places swimming, and in all others deep fording, from bank to bank. debasement of the public spress-remorseless The regular troops, with the friendly Indians, and a detachment of Florida volunteers, after crossing, made a thorough examination of the med, but stemmed in vain othe onward march of Cove, and found it entirely abandoned by the enemy.

I crossed myself with this division of the army, and encamped in the Cove that night. In the meantime. General Armstrong had been ordered with the Tennessee brigade to march upon the north side of the river, and force a passage across the stream, where our troops had met with such obstinate resistance on the 13th October. On approaching the stream, he found no enemy to resist his passage, but it was in part still swimming, and difficult to cross. The passage was effected, and the second regiment, under the command of Col. Trousdale, advanced to attack the Indian and negro settlements in that vicinity. They found all the towns abandoned, and discevered large trails of the enemy leading to the east

A negro captured in one of the houses, reported that they had fled to the Wahoo Swamp. The Tennesseans burned three large towns, which were built of hewn logs, and appeared to have been constructed during the last spring and summer. They discovered very little appearance of cultivation, and from the report of the captured negro, the enemy have nothing to subsist on ex-

cept beef. The brigade returned that night to the camp on the river, where all the buggage of the army had been left under a strong guard. Finding that the enemy had abandoned his strong hold, which appeared better defended by nature than any place I have ever seen, and discovering that all the trails from the Cove across the river led to the north side, I decided to cross the river myself, and with the Tennessee brigade, a small detachment of regular troops, and Florida troops, and Florida militia, to pursue to whatever point the troops which had crossed into the Cove was ordered to march up on the south side of the river, and form a junction with me near Dade's battle ground.

The two divisions of the army marched on the 16th inst. on the routes assigned them. On the 17th about noon, a large encampment of the enemy was discovered on our right flank, and not more than foor hundred yards from our line of murch. The first regiment of Tennessee volunteers, under Col. Bradford, being on that flank, General Armstrong was ordered to advance with it, and attack the enemy. The Indians had taken the alarm, and retreated into the edge of a dense swamp, where they had deposited such of their baggage as they had time to remove, and where they awaited our approach. The Tennesseans, under their gallant leader, advanced with great intrepidity, within gunshot of the position held by the enemy, when they dismounted, under his fire; and by one of the most spirited charges that was ever made, in a few minutes ossessed themselves of the hammock, and drove the enemy from his ground. Our troops pursued, sometimes waist deep in mud and water. The pursuit was continued as long as an enemy could be discovered. The spy companies, under the command of Major Lauderdale, accompanied by Maj. Barrow, aid-de-camp of General Armstrong, had been detached in the morning in pursuit of a party Indians, supposed to be near our encampment of the preceding night. They returned just before the close of the action, and, with the companies of Captains Finley and Bledsoe, of the second regiment, were ofdered to take a position on the left, to cut off the retreat of the enemy, should be attempt to pass in that quarter, But the enemy fled precipitately from the field, being completely routed, even in the swamp which he had selected for the battle ground, leav-

ng all his baggage and horses. The loss of the enemy was twenty found dead on the field, and no doubt is entertained that many others were killed, who were not discovered in the slight examination made in passing over the field. In wounded, the enemy must have suffered severely, as twenty-one distinct trails of blood were discovered through the hammock into which they retreated. Our loss was one killed (private Wm. A. Brant, of Capt. M'Mahon's company), and Asa Hays, of the same company, wounded Of Capt. Crouch's company, three were

Wm. Morton, mortally. Sherwood Green and Wm. Newcomb, both everely, but not dangerously.

Of Capt. Tipp's company, Henderson Hunt, wounded. Of Capt. Fletcher's company, Easign R. A. McLane and Granger Wright, slightly.

Of Capt, Battle's company, R. H. King. Of Capt. Gibson's company, Bishop Hubold. Total killed and wounded, eleven.

I cannot speak too highly of the bravery and good conduct of all the officers and men engaged in this affair. Gen. Armstrong and all the members of his staff, and Gen. Read of Florida, who acted as volunteer aid-de-camp on the occasion, were distinguished for their courage and activity in the field. Col. Bradford, Lieut. Col. Cahal and Adjutant Bradley most gallantly led the charge into the hammock, and were as gallantly followed by the brave men they commanded. Major Goff was also distinguished for his activity

With regard to the company officers, where all action; and instead of obstinately thrusting for- behaved with so much spirit and zeal, and each

in the action. These were

Captains McMahon, Crouch, Tipps, Frierson, Lipscomb and Levy, commanding companies in the absence (through sickness) of their captains; and Lieut. Garland commanding Capt. Gibson's company, who was then absent on duty.

I cannot pay a higher or more just compliment to the troops engaged in this action, than to say, that every officer and soldier fully sustained the high character of Tennessee for enterprise and valor. After the close of the action, which lasted about thirty minutes, the army marched about four miles, in the direction of Dade's battle ground, where we halted for the night, and made the necessary arrangements to march forward, and attack the enemy, if to be found, in the Wa-

On the morning of the 18th, the baggage train was placed in a compact form, udder the protection of two pieces of artillery, and a detachment of regular troops, commanded by Capt. Tompkins, and a strong guard of Tenness ans and Florida militia. At an early hour I marched at the head of five hundred and fifty Tennessee troops, and about 11 o'clock, after crossing two creeks, skirted with dense hammock, which formed a part of the Wahoo Swamp, we entered a piece of open ground, which brought us in view of a town which had just been abandoned and set fire to by the enemy. They were so closely pursued, that several of them were seen as they entered the hammock, where they gave us to under-

stand they were prepared to receive us. The line of battle was immediately formed. The troops on foot prepared to enter the hammock, while a detachment of horse on each flank remained in the open ground, to act as occasion might require. While the men ordered to advance were yet in the open ground, and had approached within gun-shot of the hammock, tho nemy opened a deadly fire upon them. A charge was ordered, and was most gallantly made, Our troops entered the hammock, and in a few moments the whole line became engaged. It was soon discovered that the enemy outflanked us on the right and left, and at one point they showed themselves in force in our rear. Their force could not have been less than from six to seven hundred.

A part of the horsemen were ordered to dismount and charge on the right and left flanks. while others were sent to disperse the Indians in the open ground, who were firing in the rear, at long gun-shot distance. These orders were premptly obeyed. Captain Fletcher, at the head of about eighteen mounted men, charged and most gallantly dispersed about fifty warriors in open ground. Col. Bradford led the charge on the right, and Lieut. Cahal on the left; Col. Trousdale and Lieut. Col. Guild had the centre, and a more gallant and intrepid charge was never made on any occasion. In thirty minutes, the enemy was driven at all points, and fled precipitately from the field. Our troops continued the e might have retreated, while Col. Pierce, with pursuit as long as the enemy could be seen, after poured in upon them from our front and flank. ground, bringing their dead and wounded with them. The loss of the enemy, on this occasion must have been very considerable. In passing over the field twenty-five were found dead, and it is believed many eithers were carried off during

the fight. Their wounded cannot be estimated. Our loss was three killed, viz: First Lieut. Pinkney Green; Brannock Riggs of Capt. Bledsoe's company; and Andrew Lynch of Capt. Battle's company. The wounded were R. K. Anderson and Geo. W. Mitchell of Capt. Hamilton's company; Lewis Waggoner of Captain Crouch's company: James Joy and John Mitchell of Capr. Tipp's company; William G. File of Capt. Battle's company; Licut. R. A. Alexander of Capt. Lauderdale's company; John Warner and George Tucker of Campbell's company; Wm. Robinson of Firley's company; Thus. Cooper of Battle's company; Wesley Walker of Cap'. Henry's company-total killed and wounded, 15.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the troops on this occasion. They continued with a superior force, and not an instance occurred during the day in which any officer failed to do his duty. Gen. Aymstrong, and every member of his staff, were active and energetic, and displayed great bravery during the action; Capt. Johnson, of the Indian regiment, and Sergt. Harris of the Florida militia (both there without command). were distinguished for their bravery, and acted as volunteers with the spy companies. The fellowing is the list of the officers of the brigade engaged in the action. List of Captains and Officers of the Tennessee

Brigade, commanding in the battle of the 18th. 1st Regiment .- Capt. Wilson's spy company, Captains Fletcher, Jones, Crouch, Roberts, Lipscomb. Lieutenants Levy, Morris, Dauthet. 2d Regiment. - Captain Lauderdale's spy

ompany, Captains Campbell, Finley, Battle, McCain, Bledsoe, Grundy, Chandler, and Henry of Rob'n. Lieutenants Nesbit and Davis. So soon as the necessary arrangements could be made for carrying our killed and wounded,

we commenced our return march to camp, which we reached about nine o'clock at night. The next day (the 19th) being the day ap pointed for Col. Pierce to unite with me, I marched down the road to Dade's battle ground, still nearer the enemy, where I hoped to meet with his

division that might, and to enter the swamp the next day in full force. He did not reach that point until the following day at 11 A. M. The swamp was about five miles distant, and it was then too late to march Col, Tronsdal, Lieut. Col. Cahal, (commanand enter it with the hope of doing any thing that the 1st regiment in the absence of Col. Brade day. The army had already been on half raone day more in searching the swamp for the enemy. Accordingly, on the morning of the 21st sides his active participation in the affair of inst. after leaving our baggage under a strong de-

tachment, commanded by the gallant Col. Brad-It was soon discovered that the enemy was on with his usual spirit and valor. the edge of it, awaiting our approach.

The line of battle was immediately formed-The Tennessee troops on the right, the regulars and two companies of Florida militia, under command of Pierce, formed the centre, and the regiment of friendly Indians constituted the left. The horsemen constituted the reserve.

So soon as the line was formed, the Indians raised a yell, and opened their fire along the whole of the centre and right. A charge was ordered, and our troops entered the hammock without disward a favorite, because rank representative of was emulous to surpass the others in feats of charging a gun, although they received a heavy

some plausible republican, whose notions of the | tween them. It will be sufficient, therefore, to | open ground. For a few moments the fire conmy gave way in every direction. They were

pursued until the troops lost sight of them. Some time was lost in finding the direction in which the main body of the enemy had retreated. It was at length discovered that they had passed to the left. The regular troops, with the mounted Florida volunteers, under command of Col. Warren, and the friendly Indians, were ordered immediately in pursuit, while the Tennessee brigade moved on to support them. The regular troops, under Col. Pierce, in their advance, encountered a morass, when the officers were compelled to abandon their horses, and the men were at times, above their waists in mud and water; and were at least one hour advancing three quarters of a mile.

The 2d Regiment of Tennessee volunteers. under Col. Trousdale, encountered the same difficulty, and experienced the same delay.

In the meatime Licut. Col. Brown, with his isual enterprise, had discovered a trail to the left avoiding the morass, and passing over dry land through a dense hammock. At the head of about one hundred and fifty friendly Indians, he pressed forward with great intrepidity, and soon found himself engaged with a large body of Indians, strongly posted in a cyptess swamp, on the opposite side of a deep and boggy stream. A sewere conflict here ensued, and while the brave Maj. Morice, one of the chiefs of the Creek regiment, was advancing to head a charge across the stream, he fell and sunk into the water. Our Indians continued to fight against the fearful odds with which they were engaged, until they were reinforced by a part of Capt. Evans' and Lieut. Myrick's conpanies of Florida militia, and the Florida mounted men under command of Col. Warren. These troops advanced at once to the attack, with the van of the artiflery, and poured a heavy fire on the enemy. Soon after, the remainder of the regular troops under Col. Pierce and Maj. Gardner, and the 2d regiment of Tennessee volunteers, under command of Col. Trousdal, having passed the morass, arrived and joined in the action. The firing continued heavy for some time, until the enemy was driven from his position and silenced, with the exception of a few guns, which were occasionally fired. Having no guide who could give any account of the stream. the practicability of crossing it soon after the enemy had retired, being yet unascertained, while the enemy was far advanced, it was deemed proper by the officers in command of the stream to retire, after carrying off their dead and wounded. They were then ordered by me to the open ground in the rear, where the killed and wounded were collected. The army then returned to their camp. which they did not reach until about 10 o'clock at night. The state of our supplies not permitting us to remain longer than that day, we spent the last hour we could spare in pursuit of the enemy.

The loss of the enemy on the occasion cannot be correctly estimated. Ten were found dead on the field where the fight commenced, and no doubt is entertained of their having sustained a great loss at the creek, both from the numerse volley's mirably calculated for defence. It is supposed they could not have lost less than fifty killed during the day. Our loss in killed was the bray of Mr Morrich, a friendly chief, and two Creek Indians -total, three of the Creek regiment; of the regular troops, one sergeant, one corporal and two

Privates—total regulars, five.

The following is the list of the wounded.

Capt. Ross of the manine corps, who comusuded a company of the Creek regiment, had his thigh broken, while bravely leading his coumand into action. Capt. Maitland of the artilery, also received a severe wound while leading his men to the charge; two sergeants, two corperals, and two privateers of the regular troops were

Of the Tennessee brigade, private Renjamin Bonker of Wilson's company, was mertally wounded in the last affair.

Joseph B. Duncung of Robert's company. Alexander Lyons, Battle's company. Thomas B. Crambead, W. G. Prvor. and sergeant Wm. Oliver, of Grundy's company.

King Kirby, of Capt. G. P. Henry's company. and Robert Hays, of Campbell's company, were also wounded. Total regulars and Tenness volunteers wounded, 16,

The conduct of all the officers and men engaged during the day, was marked by the medeliberate courage, and that the success was not entirely complete in every particular, was owing to the nature of the ground, and to the delay which was caused in passing the morass. Where all behaved so well, it is difficult to discriminate.

I cannot, however, forbear to mention the names of Lieut. Col. Brown, Major Morrice, Captains Ross, Maitland, Piercy and Serie, and Lieut. Lee, of the artiflery, who sustained the first unequal contest with the enemy at the dis-

These were followed and bravely sustained by Capt. Warren, Capt. Evans, and Lieut. Myrick. the Florida militia, and by Maj. Gardner, Capt. Tompkins, and Porter, of the artillery, and the officers and men under their command. Indeed. no higher praise can be paid to Col. Pierce and the regular troops under his command, both officers and men, than to say that all behaved with their characteristic valor, and those who were the foremest in the action, were precisely those whom circumstances and the nature of the ground avored in their advance.

The following is the list of the officers engaged in the above affairs.

The Tennesseeans were led into action left in command of the camp,) and Lieut, (tions for several days, but I resolved to spend Guild. These were all distinguished for the gallantry and good conduct during the day. ing the enemy from the hammock, Col. Tr. dal, with his regiment, joined in the attack von ford, the army moved forward again to the swamp. I the enemy at the disputed passage of the stream,

> For the names of the company officers agaged in the affair of the 21st, I refer you to the

enclosed list. List of Captoins and officers of the Tennessee Brigade, commanding in the battle of the 21st. 1st Regiment-Captains Fletcher, Frierson,

Pipps, Crouch, M'Mahon, Gibson, Lipscomb. 2d Regiment-Cantains Lauderdale, (Say company) Campbell, Finley, Bledsoc, M'Coin, Buttle, Chandler, Grundy, Henry of Turner; Adjt